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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRIP TO US BY DEPRIMIN SULTAN

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1. WE ARE WORKING ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO INVITE SULTAN TO VISIT U.S. AND WILL BE IN TOUCH FURTHER. WE AGREE THAT NUCLEAR COOPERATION ISSUE MAY BE HARD TO HANDLE BUT BY SEPTEMBER WE MAY HAVE NEW NONPROLIFERATION LAW FOR BASIS OF FURTHER DISCUSSION.

2. ON JULY7 EGYPTIAN CHARGE, MOHAMED SHAKER, AT HIS REQUEST MET WITH LOUIS NOSENZO, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN OESBUREAU FORBRIEFING ON ADMINISTRATION'S NONPROLIFERATION
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POLICY. DURING CONVERSATION, SHAKER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW NONPROLIFERATION POLICY WOULD NOT ADVERSELY EFFECT U.S.- EGYPT NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. EGYPT, HE SAID, IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAEL'S FACILITY AT DIMONA. OUR RESPONSE WAS ESSENTIALLY THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT ACTUALLY CAME OUT OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. TO SHAKER'S QUESTION ABOUT TIMING ON NEW LEGISLATION, NOSENZO

RESPONDED THAT A CLEAN BILL IS EXPECTED THIS MONTH AND THAT PASSAGE MIGHT OCCUR BY SEPTEMBER. SHAKER ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WOULD SUFFER IF ISRAEL BALKED

AT FULL SAFEGUARDS. NOSENZO SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE THIS KIND OF JUDGMENT. SHAKER THEN WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAD OR WERE PLANNING TO TALK TO ISRAELIS ABOUT THIS ISSUE DURING BEGIN'S VISIT. WE RESPONDED THAT OF COURSE WE HAD DISCUSSED NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH ISRAELIS BUT NOT RECENTLY AND NOT IN CONTEXT OF THE PENDING NONPROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. WE DID NOT KNOW IF SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED DURING THE BEGIN VISIT. FYI. WE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE IT AND DOUBT ISRAELIS WILL EITHER. END FYI. SHAKER ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PLANS FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DEALING WITH NUCLEAR COOPERATION OR RELATED ISSUES AND ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH HIS GOVERNMENT AND SHAKER, PERSONALLY, WERE INTERESTED IN SUBJECT (SHAKER WROTE HIS PHD DISSERTATION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION).

3. SHAKER (FROM HIS ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE IN GENEVA WITH THE NPT NEGOTIATIONS AND RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD) LIKELY WILL PURSUE THESE ISSUES WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES. WE WILL STRIVE, HOWEVER, TO KEEP THE FOCUS OF EGYPT-U.S. NUCLEAR COOPERATION DIALOGUE IN CAIRO.

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